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4. Parachute Sports:

- a. Members of the GST taking part in parachute sport are required to have a medical standard approaching that of East German Air Force (VdA) members. On acceptance their ground training consists of the following:
 - (1) intensive physical training in gym clothes and then in paratroop uniform.
 - (2) how to turn over on landing, and how to take the first jolt as the parachute opens.
 - (3) how to free themselves of their parachute.
- b. A wooden parachute jumping tower, built on Soviet instructions, has been constructed at the east end of the Karlshorst race course, where it runs parallel with the Karlshorst/Wuhlheide railway. Owing to poor construction, however, the tower is not yet serviceable.

5. KVP and GST:

A deliberately arranged series of sports competitions and paper chases on motor bicycles between the KVP and the GST are being organized in order to encourage relations between the two organizations and to induce a desire to join the KVP.

6. GST Officer Candidates for the KVP:

A second group of GST members will join the officer training course at Buckow in mid-October.

7. GST Sole Source of Sea Police Officer Candidates:

The GST is the sole source of new officer candidates for the Sea Police. After leaving the GST they enter the naval school at Rechlin, which is not subordinate to the GST Neustrelitz, but directly under the control of the Central Committee of the GST. After preliminary training they then join the training ship "Wilhelm Pieck".

8. Soviet Liaison:

Lt. Col. Vassilyev and Major Savayev are two Soviet officers who have some liaison connection with both the GST and the KVP.

9. The GST, Bezirk Greater Berlin:

- a. Relations are very strained between the First Secretary, Kurt Hofer, former inspector of the KVP, and the Third Secretary, Fritz Dolling, formerly of the Central Council of the FDJ. This atmosphere is making working relations difficult.
- b. Trenkmann, formerly a lieutenant colonel in the East German Air Force, is now supervising instructions for riding, pigeon sport and rifle sport. He also is deputy for Bert Generich in charge of flying training.
- c. There are 10,150 participants, as well as 150 instructors, in the "motor sport" movement.

10. Kampf Gruppen (Battle Groups):

- a. Wolfgang Rossker, a former Kapitän zur See, is responsible for the formation and training of so-called "Battle Groups" (Kampfgruppen) in all ship-yards and ship spare part factories in the DDR. He has just completed an eight-week tour preparatory to the first step. He is attached to the GST, Bezirk Greater Berlin.

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- b. The battle groups are composed primarily of proved party members and secondarily of newly indoctrinated youngsters. Training is run on a "Kreis" basis. Attention is concentrated on:
- (1) utilization of terrain.
 - (2) rifle shooting.
 - (3) map reading.
- c. Among the factories which have already set up battle groups are the JV Stalin in Berlin, the Treptow Apparaten-Werk, and the Transformatorenwerk in Oberschoeneweide.

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